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SUBJECT: BRITISH STAND ON PROPOSED EC STATEMENT ON
MIDDLE EAST

REF: LONDON 1676

1. FOLLOWING LATE MORNING MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND JANUARY 3L, FCO POLITICAL DIRECTOR HIBBERT INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT HMG HAS DECIDED TO HANDLE DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED STATEMENT AT THIS AFTERNOON.S EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AS FOLLOWS: CROSLAND WILL DRAW THE ATTENTION OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO "THE EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND" (I.E., THE US DEMARCHES), AND THEN "PASS THE BUCK" TO GENSCHER. BRITISH EXPECT GENSCHER TO ARGUE THE US POSITION FORCEFULLY, BUT HAVE NO IDEA HOW THE FRENCH WILL REACT. FOR THEIR OWN PART, BRITISH WILL TAKE POSITION THAT THEY "DO ATTACH VALUE" TO AN EC STATEMENT. BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE VARIOUS PROJECTED US, GERMAN, AND FRENCH HIGH-LEVEL TRIPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

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2. IF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREE TO THIS, BRITISH SPOKESMAN WILL MAKE AN ANODYNE STATEMENT AT 6:30 P.M. PRESS BRIEFING SAYING THAT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND EC WERE IN FAVOR OF RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

3. POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE HIBBERT
AT 7 P.M. FOR BRIEFING ON HOW THE MEETING WENT.

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